

FARMER, DRIFTER DIE IN BATTLE

Judge Byrns Urges Local Moves To Stem Crime Tide

Staggering Problems Outlined

Proposes Major Steps That Area Should Consider

By BRANDON BROWN
Staff Writer

Chances are over three in a hundred that you will tangle with the law this year. The chances are even greater if you're under 21, a repeat offender, or a school dropout.

Berrien Circuit Judge Chester J. Byrns, speaking Monday to some 150 Twin City Rotarians and their guests at the St. Joseph Elks club, listed the staggering total of crime in the U.S. and outlined proposals to reduce it locally.

Judge Byrns plugged for higher pay and coordination for local police, sweeping court changes including the addition of a second probate court judge, and the formation of a Berrien citizens' committee to help fight murders, rapes, robberies, thefts and other crimes growing nationally six times faster than the population.

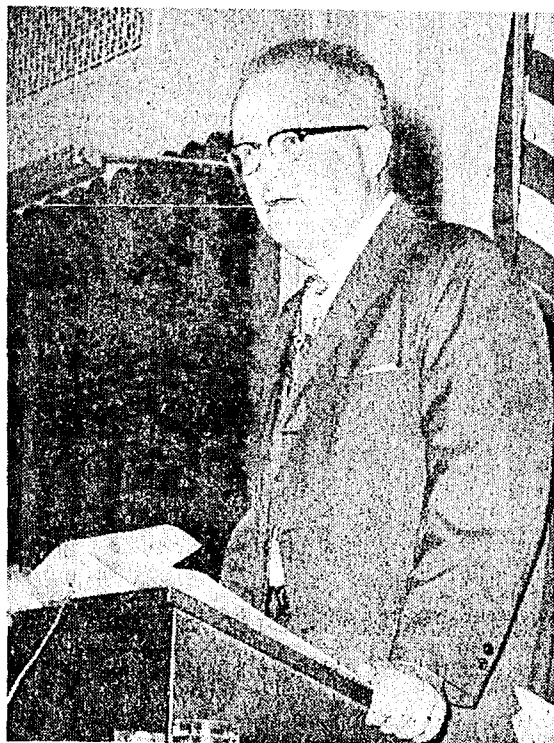
HUGE INCREASE
A total of 2.75 million crimes were reported in the U.S. last year at a rate of 25 a minute and reflecting an increase of 35 per cent in the past five years, Judge Byrns said.

He predicted that over 7 million Americans "will get in some kind of trouble with the law this year." But the majority of offenders will not be arrested or convicted.

Crime last year cost the country \$25 billion—more than the annual budgets of half the world's nations, and far more than the cost of the Vietnam war or the total cost of education in the U.S., according to the judge.

WANTS COMMITTEE
He called on the Berrien County Board of Supervisors to appoint a citizens' committee to study crime and make recommendations to reduce it.

Besides the study committee, Judge Byrns called for local police to be paid the same as



COMBATING CRIME: Berrien Circuit Judge Chester J. Byrns outlines proposals Monday to combat increase in crime with court and law enforcement changes. Crime, growing six times faster than U.S. population is increasing, is rooted in a decay of individual standards, breakdown of the family, and disrespect for law and order, the judge says. (Staff photo)

state policemen earning \$6,400 to \$9,000 annually, and asked for changes in county circuit courts and added pay or personnel for the offices of county prosecutor and the friend of the court.

"In another decade, unless some action is taken by her citizens, America could become a jungle of crime and violence."

LEADING CAUSES
Among leading causes of crime, Judge Byrns listed lowered individual standards reflected in increased promiscuity, illegitimacy, social disease and cheating; broken homes and poor

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Garrison Case 'Built On Lies'

TV Show Rips Apart JFK Probe

NEW YORK (AP) — The National Broadcasting Co. said Monday night that New Orleans Dist. Atty. Jim Garrison built his case against Clay L. Shaw on testimony that did not pass a lie detector test and that Garrison knew this.

Shaw, a retired New Orleans businessman, is under indictment there on charges of conspiracy to murder President John F. Kennedy, who was assassinated in Dallas in 1963.

Garrison disputes the Warren Commission finding that Lee Harvey Oswald acted alone as Kennedy's killer, contending that the assassination was the result of a conspiracy.

NBC said the results of Garrison's four months of public investigation "have been to damage reputations, to spread fear and suspicion and, worst of all, to exploit the nation's sorrow and doubts about President Kennedy's death."

TRIED TO BLOCK

Garrison, who sought in vain to block the showing of the network program, entitled "The JFK Conspiracy: The Case of Jim Garrison," said in New Orleans: "The frantic nature of this effort to derail the prosecution's case simply confirms the fact that my office has uncovered the true facts about Dallas and that there are men in Washington, D.C. who know it."

At the conclusion of the hour-long program, NBC commentator Frank McGee summed up: "We cannot say that the murder of John F. Kennedy did not happen the way Jim Garrison says it did. We cannot say he does not have the evidence to prove it."

"We can say this: the case he has built against Clay Shaw is based on testimony that did not pass a lie detector test Garrison ordered—and Garrison knew it. One prospective witness admitted he was going to lie."

Two key witnesses, Vernon Bundy, 23, and Perry Raymond Russo, 26, testified before a three-judge panel that Shaw, using the name Clay Bertrand, had conspired to assassinate President Kennedy.

On the basis of their testimony, the judges concluded there was sufficient evidence to try Shaw.

DOPE ADDICT
NBC said Bundy, a narcotics addict, was in a prison hospital when he told another inmate that he was testifying for Garrison "because this is the

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SEVEN-POUND BLUDGEONS: Berrien Sheriff's Cpl. John Gillespie displays (left) one of two cast steel spacers from a farm disc that apparently were wielded by Berrien Springs Farmer Donald Neier and Drifter Stephen Bielak as they apparently battled each other to the death in a dark barn on the Neier farm last night. The skulls of both men were smashed in. Gillespie also holds T-wrench (right) found near bodies that may also have been weapon.

Police Say They Killed Each Other

Berrien Springs Father Of 3 Fights Intruder

BERRIEN SPRINGS—A savage hand-to-hand battle in a dark barn early today resulted in two men bludgeoning each other to death almost simultaneously with seven-pound farm disk spacers.

Dead are Donald G. Neier, 37, of 1200 Niles road, Berrien Springs, and Stephen J. Bielak, 48, a drifter from the Milwaukee, Wis., area. The fight took place in the barn on Neier's property.

According to Cpl. John Gillespie of the Berrien county sheriff's department, Mrs. Neier discovered the bodies of the two men at about 2 a.m. She said that her husband was in the habit of checking the premises during the night and that she was looking for him when she happened upon the bodies.

CLOSE TOGETHER

Both men were lying close together on the floor of the barn and each had received massive wounds to the head. Three of the hourglass-shaped disk spacers, each covered with blood, were found near the bodies. A socket wrench was also found nearby. Bielak's hand was clutching Neier by the throat and jaw.

Neier had moved to Berrien Springs last December, officers said, and farmed about 700 acres. Police described him as a man of regular habits who did not smoke or drink. One officer commented, "He wasn't the kind of man who would start a fight but he wouldn't walk away from one, either."

Gillespie placed the time of death of the men at about 1 a.m.

From the seriousness of the wounds each man had, it appears that each must have dealt the other a fatal blow at almost the same time. The fight must have occurred in near darkness, as the barn has no electricity.

Officers could give no motive for the dual killing. It is unknown if the two men knew each other and no connection could be immediately found between them.

"While there's no reason to believe there was a third person involved at this time," Gillespie said, "We haven't yet ruled out that possibility. As for a reason for the killings, all we have at this time are theories."

TWO THEORIES

One theory has it that Bielak may have attempted to rob Neier as he made his routine check of his property or that Neier, finding a stranger asleep in his barn, may have ordered Bielak to leave the property and a fight ensued.

Neier was found with \$69 on his person and no money was found on Bielak. Bielak was identified by a tattered 1953 Army discharge found in his wallet. He was separated from the Army as a sergeant.

Officers found a Milwaukee address in Bielak's wallet but in checking learned the house had been vacant for the past two years. Other papers indicated that Bielak had been employed at a number of race tracks across the country.

Bielak was unknown in this area and deputies said that he was an intruder on Neier's property.

There are a number of farms in the area and deputies are checking them in an effort to find out if Bielak or any of his acquaintances worked there.

One possible connection between the two men, officers said, was the fact that while working at race tracks, Bielak sometimes worked as a manure broker to farmers in the area of the track.

BUSINESS DEALINGS

Neier's farm required large amounts of fertilizer, the police said, and the two men may have had business dealings sometime in the past.

Mr. Neier was born Jan. 25, 1930, in Bisqueen, Ariz., and had lived in Michigan for the past six years coming from Wheatfield, Ind. On Sept. 25, 1955, he married the former Mary A. M. Jones in Delta.

Besides his widow, survivors include three children, Janet, Kenneth and Carl at home.

Funeral services will be held Thursday at 3:30 p.m. in the Todd funeral home, DeMotte, western tip of Michigan.



DONALD G. NEIER
Farmer Killed

Income Tax New Ballot Ruled Out

Legislature Can't Call For Election

LANSING (AP) — The Legislature has no authority to call a special election for referendum of a bill already enacted, signed by the governor and made subject to approval by the people before it becomes effective, Atty. Gen. Frank Kelley ruled today.

"Such a referendum, if provided for, would take place at the next general election in November of an even-numbered year," the attorney general said.

Sen. Sander Levin, D-Berkley, had requested the ruling.

ASKS ANSWER

He asked if the Legislature could pass a bill, subsequently approved by the governor, stipulating that it will not become law unless approved by the people and setting a special election for referendum on the bill.

House Republicans have proposed a tax reform package which would be subject to a popular vote before it becomes effective.

STACEY OPPOSED

Four of six House Republicans who had steadfastly opposed the tax bill to date had indicated they would go for the bill only if it were made dependent upon approval of the voters at a referendum. Among these four were Reps. Lionel Stacey of Benton Harbor and Edson V. Root of Harbor.

Two of the "Little Six," as they have been termed, including Rep. Don Pears of Buchanan, have declared total opposition to a state income tax in any form. The votes of these legislators were all important to the Republican bill, since passage requires the vote of every one of the 56 Republicans on the House roster.

Republican leadership had already abandoned hopes of getting enough votes for their own bill and have been attempting to make deals with the Democratic side of the House for

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SJ Tower Finally Gets Name

St. Joseph housing commissioners ended the "name game" for an urban renewal elderly apartment tower at No. 1 State street Monday by naming it "Lake View Terrace."

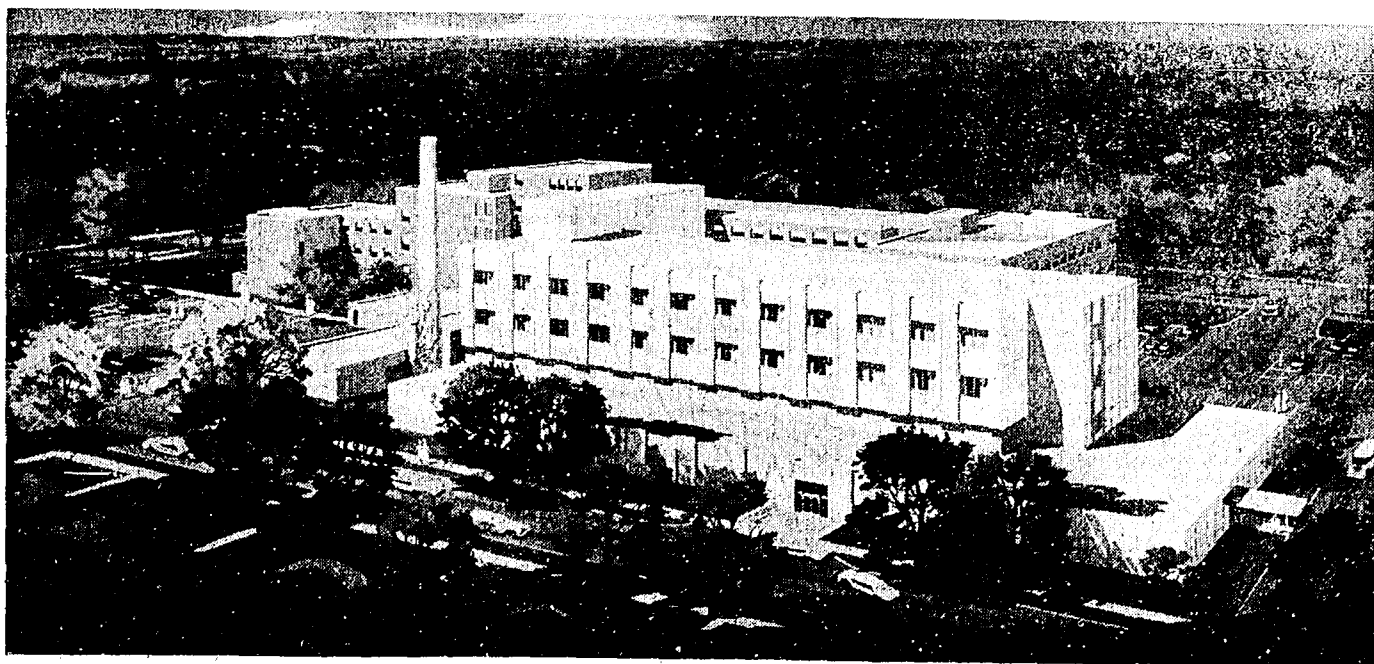
Commissioners had been in doubt what to name the apartment because of a possible conflict with Benton Harbor's apartment project, but the situation was resolved by mulling over more than a half-dozen other names, said C. Thomas Daley, city urban renewal director and executive director of the housing commission.

The new name will be installed on a sign to be mounted within the next few weeks probably near Main and Port streets, and later on the apartment when it's finished.

It appears that Benton Harbor will name its apartment "Harbor Towers," Daley said.

"Lake View Terrace," after discussion, was unanimous with those present Monday. Daley said. Absent was Commissioner Robert Bradburn.

Mercy Hospital Two Years Hence



Ground was broken at 11 a.m. today for a \$5.2 million expansion and remodeling of Benton Harbor's Mercy hospital. This sketch shows how institution will look when completed in about two years. Face brick, precast concrete panels and stone will form exterior of air-conditioned addition. Design by Mittelbush & Tourtelot, Chicago architects, features a podium base with a

central tower. Initial construction will provide a three-story tower, with structural framing strong enough to permit future expansion of another three stories. Besides addition of patient rooms, all facilities, such as surgery, laboratory, etc., will be either brand new or completely modernized. Seth E. Glem of Kalamazoo is general contractor.

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Editorials

Uncle Sam Is A Loner On Measurements

A casual glance at the daily headlines shows the U.S. stands alone on many great issues, so much so as to give the impression our country does not have a friend in the world. This impression, fortunately, is not completely true.

In one area, however, Uncle Sam soon will resemble the Lonesome Pine.

When England converts to the metric system in the 1970s this country will be the principal hold-out against it. China which finds difficulty in getting along with anybody these days will be the remaining exception.

The French devised the metric system in 1790 as a logical means of expressing a quantity. Although Napoleon's conquests were short lived, the Little Corporal extended the system throughout Europe and subsequently its spread became global.

Only the British and the Americans held on to the familiar inches and feet, ounces and pounds, pints and gallons, and so on.

The one departure for the U.S. was applying in the decimal method to its currency.

The British are in the process of converting their currency to the decimal plan and by the mid-1970s expect to express all their measurements metrically.

Some segments of American life have shifted to the metric plan. The drug industry employs it, U.S. science follows it universally, and some of our ordinance standardizes itself in this manner.

Day to day business, from buying a piece of real estate, measuring a hem line or producing an automobile, continues its measurement in British terms soon to fade from usage in the Mother Country.

Last year a bill authorizing a study on the adoption of the metric system failed to receive Congressional approval and to date has not been revived.

The major stumbling block is the question of the cost impact in the change-over.

Advocates of the metric system feel the industrial effect might be held to a barely noticeable level if a period of five to 20 years is allowed. Possibly because of that forecast and a definite intention to sell more cars abroad, the Ford Motor Company has instituted its own study. Others in the American industrial scene are expressing a similar interest.

There is always a natural reluctance to drop a familiar pattern for one that is different and if the U.S. should join the metric parade, it would require two generations before the average American thought in terms of hectares rather than acres.

The space age and a world concept of industry form the pressure to have the U.S. convert to a global uniformity already applying in the vast majority of nations.

Together, admittedly, comes grudgingly, but it can be achieved. Remember when bananas sold by the bunch rather than by the pound?

Silver Regains Its Glamor

Silver and gold, by reason of their scarcity, have been the traditional expressions of wealth throughout history. Only a few primitive peoples such as the North American Indian, the Australian bushman and the African jungle tribes resorted to other commodities to denote the distinction between being well to do and barely getting by.

The two metals enjoyed a monetary co-existence almost to the arrival of the 20th century. Although most governments adopted gold as the standard for their currencies, they minted silver in a fixed ratio to gold.

This harmony broke up when silver production rose as a byproduct to the mining of copper and the discovery of big strikes like the Homestake mine and the Comstock lode. New discoveries in gold tended to remain scarce.

This imbalance between supply and demand created a burning political issue in the U.S. during the 1890s. William Jennings Bryan, a three-time loser for the Presidency, pitched his first campaign on the unrestricted mining silver at a ratio of 16-1 to gold. Bryan's formula sought to double the market price for silver and had it been successful would have inflated the American dollar beyond description.

Bryan's eloquence, however, carried sufficient weight to cause Congress to authorize more minting of silver than the Treasury ordinarily would do; and for years the silver bloc in the Senate, those men from the western mining states of Arizona, New Mexico, Nevada, Colorado, Montana and Idaho formed a voting phalanx which used the minting of silver as trading stock for their ballots on legislation desired by other members. It was a revival of the political oligarchy of the cotton producing states prior to the Civil War.

This silver front remained sufficiently powerful down into World War II days by requiring the government to replace surplus stocks handed out to industry engaged in critical items for the military effort.

Up until 1964 the Treasury held a stock of this surplus metal not required to redeem outstanding silver certificates of 1.6 billion. Today this has fallen to slightly over three percent of that figure and if the holder of a silver certificate requests silver, he receives it, not in coin but in powder or pellet form.

The "cartwheel," the silver dollar, is no longer minted and when the half dollar comes back into circulation is a guess. Both are collector's items today.

Silver sold for 60 cents an ounce when Bryan was declaiming against the gold standard.

The Treasury, by law, is now limited to paying \$1.29 an ounce. The world market price is \$1.74.

Silver had only a monetary or ornamental application in Bryan's heyday. Today it is a workhouse in the chemical and electrical industries, and its production is not keeping up with the demand.

The Treasury seeks to meet the emergency by licensing industrial consumers seeking U.S. owned metal and by minting baser metals for coinage needs.

Foreign speculators are gambling the U.S. will have to abandon the \$1.29 official rate established some years ago before industrial demand for the metal reached its present height. They argue unless the official rate is raised, coin collecting could become an industry rather than a hobby.

Revised Economic Yardstick

A new statistical survey, to be published quarterly by the Federal Reserve Board, may rapidly become one of the government's most useful tools to correctly feel the economic pulse of the nation.

It will attempt to construct an index of manufacturing capacity and another one of actual production. Relating the two produces an "operating rate," which is simply the level of capacity reached by current output.

This index, expressed as a percentage point, reveals much about the pressures being applied to the manufacturing sector of the economy, the most important of all.

For example, manufacturing output was at 95 per cent of capacity throughout the Korean War. Inflation also ran very high during this period. Conversely, during the early part of 1958, when the United States was in a recession, the operating rate dropped to 71 per cent.

If this index can be used as a simple, but reasonably accurate, barometer of relative economic pressures, it is conceivable a scale ranging from the extremes of inflation and depression can be devised to measure the economy almost instantaneously.

SNAKE EYES



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Glancing Backwards—

NAME WINNER FOR SCHOLARSHIP

—1 Year Ago—

Dale E. Nye, son of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Nye, 557 Hollywood road, St. Joseph, and a 1966 graduate of Lakeshore high school, has been named the winner of the John Chase Memorial scholarship for this year. The announcement was made by Frank Madaski, Donald Eppelheimer, and Dr. A.S. Mowery of the scholarship committee for the Berrien County Youth association.

The John Chase Memorial scholarship was established by the Berrien County Youth Fair board of directors in memory of the late John Chase, WHPB farm editor. The scholarship is for \$500 to assist a student who

will attend Michigan State university to study agriculture. Nye's selection was based on academic achievement.

429 ENTRIES FOR DOG SHOW

—10 Years Ago—

Four-hundred-twenty-nine canine aristocrats, representing 59 breeds have been entered in the Berrien County Kennel club's all-breed dog show set for Sunday at Dickinson stadium, St. Joseph. The show, considered one of the largest in the Midwest, is expected to draw entries from all over the United States and from Canada and Mexico.

Highlight of the club's seventh annual program which starts at 8 a.m. will be the selection of the Best Dog in

Show at about 6 p.m. Proceeds from the show will go to the Berrien County Humane society shelter fund.

TIRES, TOYS—BRING IN RUBBER

—25 Years Ago—

Old tires, veterans of the road which have gone places and seen things, hundreds of them, and not a mile of travel left in their worn and broken carcasses—that's what makes up the bulk of the scrap rubber collection at St. Joseph and Benton Harbor service stations. Tires of all makes and size, from ancient 4-inch cords, to huge truck balloons, each representing a page in history of someone's life, are now headed for the reprocessing mills for rebirth into war materials.

Hour by hour the scrap piles are mounting and after tires there seems to be no end to the sources for old rubber. From the garden comes worn out hose. There's rubber footwear, rubber gloves, and rubber bathing caps, a sack filled with rubber heels yanked from old shoes and rubber toys.

NAMED TO POST

—35 Years Ago—

Mrs. A.E. Kaitebrun of this city has been appointed as a floor worker for Gov. Franklin D. Roosevelt at the Democratic national convention in Chicago next week—the first woman ever to be named to that post.

SCHOOL REUNION

—45 Years Ago—

All former teachers and pupils of the New Troy high school have been invited to return to the school for dinner and an afternoon of entertainment, the affair to be made an annual event.

READY FOR BUSINESS

—55 Years Ago—

The police headquarters and cell rooms in the city jail have been painted and redecorated, and everything is spick and span.

SHAM BATTLE SET

—75 Years Ago—

Members of the G.A.R. and S.O.V. are requested to meet at Col. Marsten's restaurant in St. Joseph this evening to arrange for a sham battle on the Fourth of July.

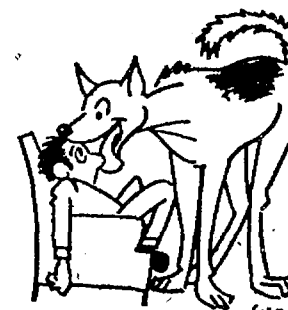
TRY AND STOP ME

By BENNETT CERF

SHOW BIZ: An American star who had bought a farm in Bavaria, discovered when he arrived there that a flock of sheep were included. In broken German, he telephoned the local employment office for a shepherd. Two hours later, they delivered a giant German Shepherd dog. A famous crooner, headlining in Las Vegas, was so enchanted with his newest wife that he held her over for a second week. And if you want a youthful figure, suggests Jack Bradford, just ask any veteran movie actress her age.

A Scotch giant heard so many inturulating stories about the superior strength and exploits of a rival giant in Ireland that he decided to hunt down the Irish giant and destroy him.

The Irish giant saw him coming — and tumbled in his boots when he saw the size and toughness of his adversary. Deciding that discretion was the better part of valor, the Irish



giant bawled out his baby's carriage, and climbed into it, with his feet hanging out.

The Scotch giant was wary, too. "If that Irishman has a baby that size," he said to himself, "his father must be the biggest monster since the days of that fellow from Cardiff." So he turned tail — and beat it back to Scotland.

Features

speaking of YOUR HEALTH

By Lester L. Coleman, M. D.

Year in and year out sun worshippers are warned against acquiring the attractive suntan too quickly. Yet with mathematical precision doctors can predict the Monday morning after-effects of painful blistering, overexposure to sunlight.

A burn is a burn is a Gertrude Stein variation. All burns by sun, scalding liquid and fire injure the outer layer, and sometimes the layer beneath the skin. Severe, painful and incapacitating first, or even second degree burns can result from the urgent, too rapid tanning process.

Many happy holidays are ruined by not taking late spring and summer sun exposure slowly. The result is that marked redness and blistering follow the initial exposure and only delay going out into the sun again.

A SANE RULE

Tanning permits the pigments in the skin to protect it from the concentrated penetrating, ultraviolet rays of the sun. A fairly sane rule for people with normal skin is to start with about 30 minutes of exposure, preferably not when the sun's rays are at their peak about noon.

When sun is reflected off sand or sea there is double concentration that increases the intensity of exposure and subjects one to possible burns. A cloudy day can be a fooler. The expression jestingly used, "you can get an awful burn on a day like this," has real truth.

LOTIONS HELP SOME

Sunburn creams and lotions do offer some protection and may even enhance the tanning process. But they are not so protective as to give one a false sense of security while deliberately oversunning himself.

Skin specialists, or dermatologists, warn sensitive people that some types of skin cancer may be caused by overexposure to sunlight. Their

advice must be followed, if there is any suggestion of previous skin trouble of a severe nature.

So sure am I that, even with this advice, there will be cases of painful sunburn that I may as well suggest how you seek relief, if and when it does occur. First, save your conscious by saying, "I never dreamed it would happen because I really was careful." Then begin to find some relief from your discomfort.

SUGGESTIONS FOR RELIEF
Clean the skin gently with a mild soap. Do not rub the tender skin with harsh gauze or towel. Cool applications of cold water compresses may bring temporary relief.

If the skin is blistered, do not open them for this invites infection. Don't smother the sunburned skin with heavy layers of greasy ointment.

There are some excellent light creams that contain a local anesthetic for the relief of the pain. Compresses of dilute white vinegar or soda bicarbonate are safe, inexpensive and often bring relief.

AVOID OVEREXPOSURE

It is obvious that the ideal treatment for sunburn is to avoid it. The tender skin over the shinbones, the kneecaps, the abdomen and the back are most vulnerable.

Fair-skinned, redheaded and blonde people know by their past experience how much sun they can safely tolerate. With good judgment they can be spared the unnecessary unpleasantness that ruins the fun of the last weekend and almost always prevents the fun of the next one.

SPEAKING OF YOUR HEALTH — Carbon monoxide leaks due to faulty mufflers are extremely dangerous.

These columns are designed to relieve your fears about health through a better understanding of your mind and body. All the hopeful new advances in medicine reported here are known to doctors everywhere.

Your individual medical problems should be handled by your own doctor. He knows you best.

CONTRACT BRIDGE...

By B. Jay Becker

North dealer.
Neither side vulnerable.

NORTH
♠ 10 8 6 4 3
♥ K 8 5 2
♦ A
♣ Q 8 3

WEST
♠ K 7
♥ J 9 8 3
♦ Q 10 8 4
♣ K 9 2

EAST
♠ J
♥ 10 7
♦ K 9 7 5 3 2
♣ A 10 8 4

SOUTH
♠ A Q 9 5 3
♥ A Q 4
♦ J 6
♣ J 8 7

The bidding:
North East South West
Pass Pass 1 ♠ Pass
2 ♠ Pass 4 ♠ Pass

Opening lead — four of diamonds.

You can't afford to follow general rules blindly. Regardless of how much value you place upon a particular principle of bidding or play, you must be prepared to sacrifice that principle whenever the circumstances indicate that adhering to it will do you more harm than good.

For example, take this hand where South is in four spades. West leads a diamond, taken in dummy with the ace. Declarer then follows with a low spade on which East follows suit with the jack, and the question is whether or not to finesse.

today's GRAB BAG...

By Ruth Ramsey, Central Press Writer

THE ANSWER, QUICK!

1. What is the antonym of Oriental?
2. What unit of measurement is used to determine the height of a horse?
3. How wide is it?
4. What name is given the sultry, close part of summer?
5. Who referred to Helen of Troy as the "face that launched a thousand ships"?

IT'S BEEN SAID

The spirit of truth and the spirit of freedom... they are the pillars of society. — Ibsen.

BORN TODAY

French composer Jacques Offenbach was born of Jewish parentage at Cologne, Germany, in 1819.

In 1833 he was sent to Paris to study the violoncello at the Conservatoire, and while a student, became a member of the orchestra of the Opera Comique.

Offenbach took full advantage of all opportunities offered him and by 1848 was made conductor at the Theatre Francais.

"Pepito," his first complete work, was followed by a near-deluge of light, lively, dramatic pieces which

effected a revolution in the popular taste of the period and made Offenbach acknowledged master of the operetta in France in the mid-19th century.

Many of these operettas were staged in Offenbach's own theater, the Bouffes Parisiens, or in the Opera Comique or Theatre de la Gaite, both of which he managed.

Though Offenbach wrote more than 90 such works, his best and most serious was also his last, "The Tales of Hoffman." With it he achieved his lifelong desire — to write a serious opera, but he did not live to see it produced.

Posthumously revised and published by Delibes, it proved, as Offenbach prophesied, the most popular of all his works.

Others born today are playwright Lillian Hellman and tennis' Francisco Segura.

YOUR FUTURE

Be guided by your own intuitions today. Today's child will be warm-hearted, hospitable.

WATCH YOUR LANGUAGE

SUPPURATE — (SUP-y-e-RATE) — verb; to produce or discharge pus, as a wound.

HOW'D YOU MAKE OUT?

1. Occidental.
2. A hand.
3. Four inches.
4. "Do Days."
5. Christopher Marlowe.

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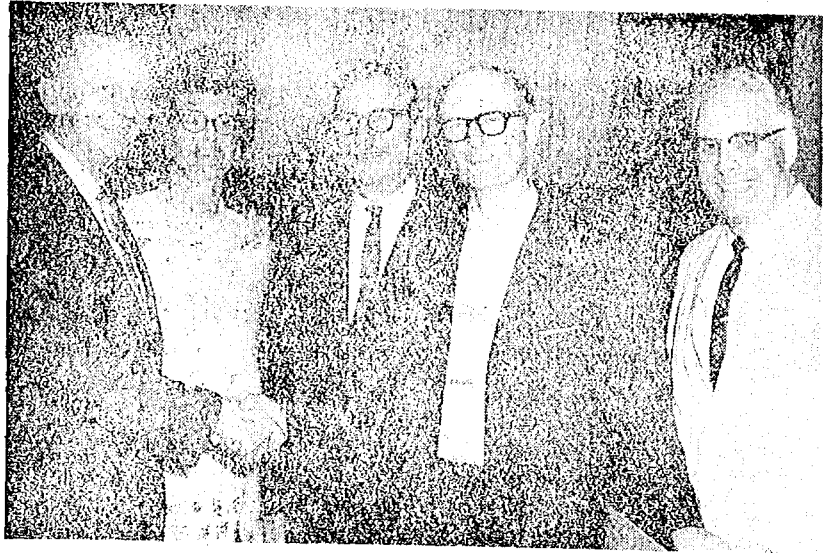
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ST. JOSEPH, MICH., TUESDAY, JUNE 20, 1967

BH TO VOTE AGAIN AUGUST 1 ON SCHOOL TAX



BARBERSHOP BIDS GOODBYE: William Hansen (left), for past 13 years director of the Fruit Belt Barbershoppers (SPEBSQSA), was treated to a farewell banquet and gift tape recorder from the singing group recently in advance of his move from Twin Cities to San Antonio, Tex. Hansen, an FBI agent, has received new assignment and expects to move late this week. He's a former Michigan district Barbershopper president and former state representative to group's international organization. About 70 attended the banquet. From left are Hansen; his wife, Mary; banquet MC Richard Barrie; local Chapter President William Saenger; and Maurice Humphrey, an old friend and long-time Barbershopper.

Zoning Change Opens Way For Big Marina

ST. JOE TOWNSHIP

Plans to construct a half-million dollar marina complex on wasteland near Benton Harbor's expanding Riverview business area crystallized last night with favorable rezoning action by the St. Joseph township board.

The board voted to rezone from residential to a special B-2 commercial classification about 17½ acres of land south of the intersection of Riverview drive and Empire avenue. The land, which has been a dumping site, lies south of Benton Harbor's Riverview district.

Only Township Trustee Dr. John Manning voted against the rezoning last night. He said he favored the marina, but wanted assurance that it would be built to announced specifications. Dr. Manning hoped a vote could be postponed for two weeks, so the material presented last night by the developers could be studied further.

Favoring the rezoning resolution were Supervisor Orval Benson, Trustees Warren Lake, Carl Reschke and Einar (Larry) Larson, and Clerk Donald Maxham.

LONG LEASE

Cy Bennett, who manages Robinson marina in St. Joseph, said he will manage the new marina also. Appearing with him was Walter Hornack, owner of the land, who told the board, Bennett has a 99-year lease on the marina site.

The new zoning varies from the township's regular B-2, commercial classification, in that the board limited the land use to specific items.

These include a restaurant

and cocktail lounge, and gas-oil station, in addition to the marina complex, itself. The marina is to include berthing facilities for 200 boats, a fuel dock, dockside electricity, telephone outlets, garbage disposal, showers and rest rooms, a swimming pool laundry facility.

Switch Meet To July 5

The St. Joseph township board last night voted to hold its next regular meeting on Wednesday, July 5, instead of the regular July 3 date, because of the Independence Day holiday.

ities, ice and vending machines, a ship's store and marine supplies building, boat hauling, repair and storage services, boat brokerage, insurance and financing, lunch counter and grocery store.

Bennett said the cost of the marina is pegged at about \$450,000, excluding the motel, gas station and restaurant and cocktail lounge.

Bennett said a new corporation, containing \$200,000 in equity, is being formed. He added that a bank has assured the capital required for the venture.

Bennett told the board the marina will include a paved perimeter totaling 3,000 square feet for automobiles. Other details presented included five-foot wide sidewalks, steel pilings and metal colored Butler-type buildings.

According to Bennett, negotiations are in process with various motel groups.

Construction should begin on the marina, itself, late this fall.

TO END SWIM DISPUTES

S.J. Takes Plunge In Pool Legislation

St. Joseph city commissioners last night began amending a city ordinance to end hassles between neighbors over backyard swimming and wading pools. The original ordinance, passed in 1959, requires pools a foot or more deep that are designed for wading, swimming or bathing to be located at least six feet inside the owner's property line.

A couple of cases have cropped up where neighbors complained because they felt portable pools were too close to their property, but the old ordinance applies only to fixed pools, said City Atty. A. G. (Pete) Preston, Jr. He sought and commissioners approved a "first reading" on a change in the ordinance to cover portable pools, too.

"With the growth in these portable pools," said Preston, who had just pointed out a newspaper advertisement for a 12 by 3½-foot portables, "it seems they should be brought under the ordinance in the interests of safety." The ordinance change would become effective after another reading.

Officials Confer On Ambulances

St. Joe Also Reworking Plan For Urban Renewal

St. Joseph Mayor W.H. (Duke) Ehrenberg and Manager Leland Hill were scheduled to meet at 1:30 p. m. today with officials of Ocle Action Ambulance Service to discuss service for St. Joseph in the face of an impending ambulance cut-off by St. Joseph mortuaries.

City mortuaries have joined with most others in the county in announcing an end to their service as of June 30.

Officials of Ocle, who operate Action Ambulance Service in Benton Harbor and Benton township, were unable to attend at St. Joseph city commission meeting last night. They have offered to provide an ambulance for St. Joseph on 24-hour call under the same arrangements as in Benton Harbor-Benton township.

Besides announcing the ambulance meeting, commissioners Monday also agreed to set a date for a public hearing — expected in the next several weeks — on proposed amendments to the St. Joseph Urban Renewal plan.

The amendments, which according to city Urban Renewal Director C. Thomas Daley are necessary at this stage, also will be referred to the planning commission.

Briefly, amendments to urban renewal would: Add the federal Land Bank on Port street to Urban Renewal Block 5; add a gas station on Ship street, now used as a station for a coin-operated laundry, to the Urban Renewal project; reword Urban Renewal specifications to permit developing Area 2 (on top of the bluff at the senior citizens' apartment) for the apartment on Water street and a city park and parking lot on Port street; change the use of Area 4, bounded by Ship, State, Port and Main streets, from bi-level parking to private in order to permit a motel-restaurant complex; and reword Urban Renewal specifications on Area 5, a quarter-block at the southwest corner of Main and Ship streets, to permit building a private or public parking lot.

The city would buy Area 5 for \$21,600. Area 3 (riverfront land from the railroad bridge upstream to Main street) for \$12,600, a portion of Area 2 for \$18,000, for a total of \$52,200, according to Daley's estimate.

Redevelopment of proposed parcels would be credited toward the city's share of Urban Renewal, according to Daley.

Also last night, commissioners:

- Heard a plea from Jerry Fisher, 903 Pine street, for a crackdown on auto and cycle speeders on Pine from Park street to Lion's park, a three-block stretch where Fisher said young drivers menace children and oldsters with two-abreast racing and poor cornering. Mayor Ehrenberg suggested Fisher and neighbors meet with Manager Hill and police officials.

- Approved a second and final reading to vacate alley "J" between Main and Court streets from Ship to Port street for Urban Renewal.

- Granted a request by Ludwig Realty Co. for a special use permit to build a \$30,000 day nursery at Vail court and Lakeshore drive.

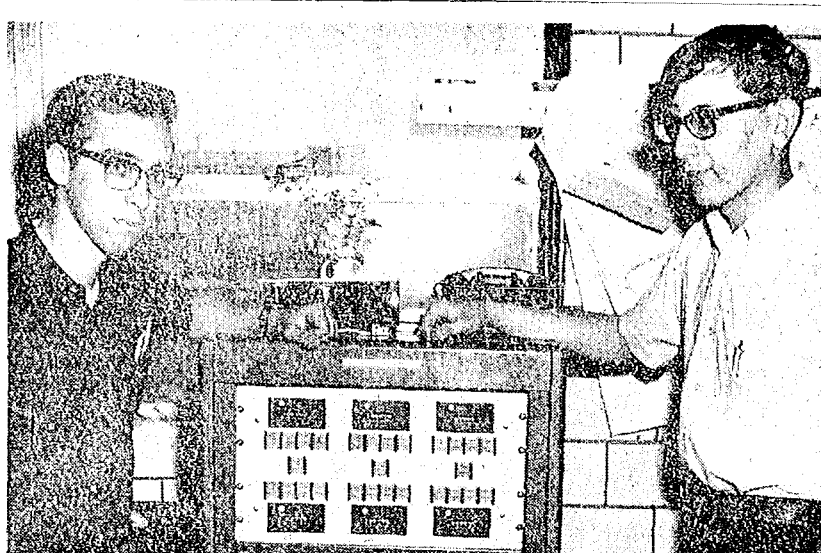
- Opened and read bids for city petroleum products for 1967-68 from five oil companies. Manager Hill will tabulate and report on them next Monday.

- And granted a request for Radio WSJM to hold an 8 p. m. to midnight dance for some 500 youngsters Aug. 11 at Lions beach.

Boy Gulps Oil, Treated At Hospital

Rickey Steakley, 5, son of Mr. and Mrs. Leo H. Steakley, 1655 Territorial road, Benton township, was treated at Mercy hospital yesterday after swallowing an undetermined amount of fuel oil.

The boy was taken to the hospital by Benton Township Patrolman Robert Shembarger after his mother came into the police station and said her son had swallowed the fuel oil. The boy was treated and released.



COMPUTER MINDED: Bill Zuppan (left) and Bruce Brown of the Twin Cities, examine computer device in this newspaper's composing room and explain their interest in making a digital computer for their own use from funds, derived by assembling Heath kits for anyone interested. They said they hope to eventually donate their computer to a school. Brown, 19, lives at 211 Helmar court, Benton Harbor, and attends Michigan State University, as does Zuppan, 20, of 2350 Niles avenue, St. Joseph. Working with them are Steve Brant, 20, route 3, Benton Harbor, a Lake Michigan College student; and John Randolph, 20, Valley View drive, St. Joseph. Youths began project a year ago. Anyone interested in having Heath kit assembled, they said, may call Brown at 926-2477. (Staff photo)

NAACP Asks Action On Low Cost Housing

EVICTED FAMILY HOMELESS

Benton Harbor city commission last night heard an appeal for action on low rent public housing units for large families.

The request came from Mrs. Mary DePoe, secretary of the Benton Harbor NAACP. She cited the plight of the McKinley Poole family whose circumstances were described last Wednesday in this newspaper.

The Pooles live in a two-bedroom house on Whitecomb court and are facing eviction. They are seeking a five-bedroom house.

City Manager Don Stewart replied that Housing Director Paul Allen informed him that 17 or 18 privately owned houses have been contemplated to lease as public housing units. But the housing commission is prevented by federal regulations from entering into lease agreements until the full amount (\$5) specified by the city commission is obtained.

The lease arrangement was approved by the city commission as a compromise against building new public housing units.

It provides for multi-bedroom

standard homes to be rented to low income families.

In another housing matter, Stewart reported that a permit has been taken out for repair of a house at 805 East Vineyard. The inspection department will make regular checks on progress.

SUBMIT PETITION

Dilapidated condition of the apartment house was presented to the commission last week in a petition with 26 signatures. Mrs. Ernest Heister, Jr., a leader of the petition drive, was told last night by Mayor Wilbert Smith:

"I can assure you that this commission is going to see that progress is made on that house."

Two houses said to be beyond repair were recommended for demolition. The commission acted on the urging of Chief Building Inspector Donald Muth and scheduled a hearing on the houses for July 3. The buildings are located at 327 Brunson avenue and 861 East Washington street.

Stewart recommended the commission meet as the market board next Monday and formally ratify a contract with R&D electric for wiring at the market. The contract was held up last week because it was double the estimate, but figuring of complete costs showed materials alone at \$12,000, and a special committee considered the R&D bid of \$21,412 as a fair price.

ASK FOR BIDS

The market board also will open bids for an office building at the new trading area between Territorial road and Red Arrow highway.

Only market business acted on last night was by the commission which approved a new market ordinance which is reclassification of the former one.

Offers to sell property to

urban renewal were referred to the legislative committee: 173-175-177 Pipestone street, Helen Bizanes, \$75,000; 312 Colfax avenue, Hillard L. Friedman, \$7,000; vacant lot on east side of Eighth street south of Britain avenue, Mildred Simms and Kathleen Shank, \$1,100.

Approved by the commission:

- A \$4,400 appropriation from the contingency fund to extend supervised summer recreation through August.

- An \$850 appropriation which the American Legion will use for July 4 fireworks.

LICENSE TAXES

- Twenty taxi cab licenses for Twin City Cab Co. and one for Clarence Taxi.

- A Cancer Tag Day June 24.

- Permission for St. John's parish to barricade Catalpa avenue, between Columbus avenue and Pearl street, this week from 9 a. m. to noon for Bible school purposes.

- Release of a jeopardy tax assessment against Radiation Furnace Co.

Returned to the planning commission was a request by grocer George Wolf for the city to vacate the alley between Maple and Cherry streets.

Girl, 2, Hits Side Of Car

Two-year-old Joyce Barnes of 686 Thresher avenue, Benton Harbor, was treated at Mercy hospital yesterday and released after she reportedly ran into the side of an auto on Thresher near McCord street.

Benton Harbor police said she was taken to the hospital by the driver of the auto, Sam Jones, Jr., 30, of 657 McGuigan avenue, Benton Harbor. No summons was issued the driver, said police, who were called to the hospital at 6:10 p. m.

FRANK MEMORIAL

Formal Dedication Of Small Park On Sunday

A small park that has become a popular neighborhood attraction will be dedicated formally Sunday in memory of Abe Frank, Benton Harbor grocer and civic worker. An acre and one third on Britain avenue between Colfax and McAlister avenues was decided to the city for park purposes by Mrs. Fannie Frank as a memorial to her husband.

The park will be dedicated at 1 p. m. Sunday. Actual presentation of the deed will be made by two young descendants of Mrs. Frank, Abe Frank, 8, and Abe Frank Goldbaum, 12. Also on the program are Mrs. Frank, Rabbi Irving Dick and Mayor Wilbert Smith. The event is arranged by the parks committee, consisting of chairman Virgil May, Edward Merrill and Edwin Ray.

Board OKs Another Election

Only Operating Levy On Ballot; No Construction

Benton Harbor school district electors on Aug. 1 will vote for the second time in eight weeks on a 4.25-mill tax levy to help operate the district for the next three years.

Board of education members approved the new election yesterday during a special meeting.

The board also agreed to borrow \$445,000 on anticipated state aid from the Farmers & Merchants National bank, Benton Harbor. The interest rate will be 2.75 per cent, Raymond Sreboth, a assistant superintendent for business affairs, told the board.

PRIVATE LENDER

The money will be borrowed July 7, with the due date for repayment set Sept. 1, 1968. The board turned to a private lender after learning last week that State Treasurer Allison Green had halted all outlays on state aid advances. The local district anticipates state aid for next year to total \$2,980,000.

Eligible to ballot in the millage election Tuesday, Aug. 1, will be all registered voters in the school district. Polls, to be open from 7 a. m. to 8 p. m., will be in the same 27 precinct voting places as during the last two elections on June 6 and June 12.

Monday, July 3 is the last day to register for the Aug. 1 election. The Benton Harbor city clerk's office that day will remain open until 8 p. m., Sreboth said.

Registering clerks are Evelyn Grenawitzke, Benton Harbor; Ralph Dahn, Benton township; municipal building; Donald Maxham, St. Joseph township hall; Howard Bishop, Hagar township; Henry Schaus, Bainbridge township; Carroll Cox, Sodus township; and Martin Kutz, Pipestone township.

The 4.25-mill levy on June 6 was defeated by a 591-vote margin, while a \$9,725,000 bonding proposal at the same time met defeat by 920 votes.

Only the extra operating millage will be on the Aug. 1 ballot. The board requests a levy of the 4.25 mills for the next three years.

No definite plans have yet been announced for another election on the construction bond issue that was defeated. Six days after its defeat, voters at another election approved a one-mill tax for one year to provide temporary classrooms in the system.

School Superintendent Albert C. Johnson said that the 4.25 mill operating levy and the 1-mill classroom levy must go hand-in-hand, if the district is to operate a full academic program.

As to negotiations on teacher contracts for next year, Johnson said that right now, the district does not have the money to negotiate.

NEED REPLACEMENT

The 4.25 mills would be added to an 8.85-mill voted increase, which runs out next year. School officials have indicated that when this levy expires, a replacement must be found.

The rejected \$9,725,000 bonding referendum could not be submitted, at least until December, Supt. Johnson has said.

Passage of the 4.25-mill levy Aug. 1 would provide the district about \$620,500 for each of the next three years, or a total by the end of three years of about \$1,861,500.

Firemen Douse Trash Blazes

Benton Harbor firemen last night extinguished trash blazes in the 400 block of Lincoln avenue and the 400 block of Vineyard street. No damage was reported.

BEGIN CLASSES

EAST LANSING (AP) — Telephone operators (from 73 law enforcement posts throughout the state) will begin classes Monday in procedures for the new computer-based state law enforcement information network.

BILLION IN TAXES

LANSING (AP) — Property taxes levied throughout the state last year totaled more than \$1.1 billion dollars, reports the State Board of Assessors.

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AMBULANCE EXTENSION SOUGHT BY BERRIEN

Supervisors Can't
Turn Back Clock'Might As Well Try To Annex
Indiana,' Says Prosecutor

For a while Monday it appeared the board of supervisors of Berrien county might stage a formal revolt against the recently imposed fast time.

Sentiment appeared to be running strongly for a resolution to declare Berrien county back on standard time, when Prosecutor John Hammond told the board they may just as well resolve to annex the state of Indiana for all the effect such a resolution would have.

Then, with their tripe at least aired and shared with each other, the supervisors quietly tabled the resolution and went

on to other affairs.

Displeasure with the switch-over to Eastern Daylight Savings Time was first touched off by Supervisor Edward Grieger of New Buffalo city. Speaking on behalf of "everybody in town," he offered the resolution to put Berrien county back on Eastern Standard Time beginning next Saturday.

"This goofy time," as Grieger called it, had all the populace of this city upset or confused, and was causing considerable hardship for business people and workers, who either serve customers from Indiana or work across the state line.

Supervisor Frank Poorman, who eventually made the motion to table the whole matter, declared he felt it was time "we should decide if Mr. Kelley (Attorney General Frank Kelley) sets the law for us." A burst of applause greeted Poorman's remarks.

Several other supervisors followed in similar vein. But Edward Mattox of St. Joseph, Paul Newman of Benton Harbor and Sheridan Cook urged caution in fighting Lansing, and asked that Prosecutor Hammond be asked about the legality of such a resolution.

Later in the morning, Hammond arrived and told the board they could adopt any



'THIS GOOFY TIME': New Buffalo City Supervisor Edward Grieger proposes to Berrien board of supervisors that they put county back on standard time. New fast time is causing hardships, confusion and discontent among his constituents. "This goofy time," he said, will cost state considerable in sales tax revenue because weekend tourists leave state earlier. County Clerk Forrest Kesterke is at left. (Staff photo).

resolution they chose to, but it wouldn't have any effect. "You might as well pass a resolution to annex the State of Indiana, for all the good it will do."

"We've got enough confusion now without adding to it," Hammond counseled. He admitted his own preference for standard time.

Supervisor Orval Benson of St. Joseph township then suggested the county would be setting itself up "for a certain amount of ridicule," if the resolution was adopted.

With the gripe off their chest, the supervisors then voted almost to a man to table the matter.

Supervisors
Await State
LegislationAsk Morticians
For 60 More
Days Of Service

If funeral directors in Berrien county decline a request of the board of supervisors to delay their June 30 deadline for ending ambulance service for 60 days, much of the county may be without these emergency vehicles come July 1.

Supervisor Orval Benson, chairman of a special ambulance service committee, told the board Monday a Port Huron ambulance firm is willing to set up business in Berrien.

But, said Benson, the county doesn't have the legal authority to meet the firm's request that the county reimburse it at about one-half its standard rates for any uncollectible bills. All other firms contacted in recent months have asked for cash subsidies ranging from \$25,000 to \$250,000 a year, and any subsidization of a private business is strictly contrary to law, he noted.

Benson indicated the county will have to pin its hopes on a bill now in the legislature that would give counties the power to operate ambulance services. It was passed by the House and amended by Senate, and is waiting joint conference action on the differences. Both houses have agreed to an immediate effect provision.

CONTINUE TALKS

At urging from several members of the board, Chairman O.D. Proseus instructed Benson and his committee to continue negotiations with the Port Huron ambulance operators, with a view to having them ready to start work at once if and when ambulance authority is granted to counties.

A resolution, proposed by Supervisor John McDonald of Niles township and approved by the board, ordered Benson's committee to contact funeral directors with a request to delay their deadline for 60 days, in anticipation the bill will be passed and in effect in that period.

Prosecutor John Hammond repeated for the board his previous opinion to the special committee that counties legally cannot operate or finance an ambulance service, despite the fact a few counties are doing it. He did add that both cities and townships, alone or in cooperation with other municipalities, are empowered to conduct such a service.

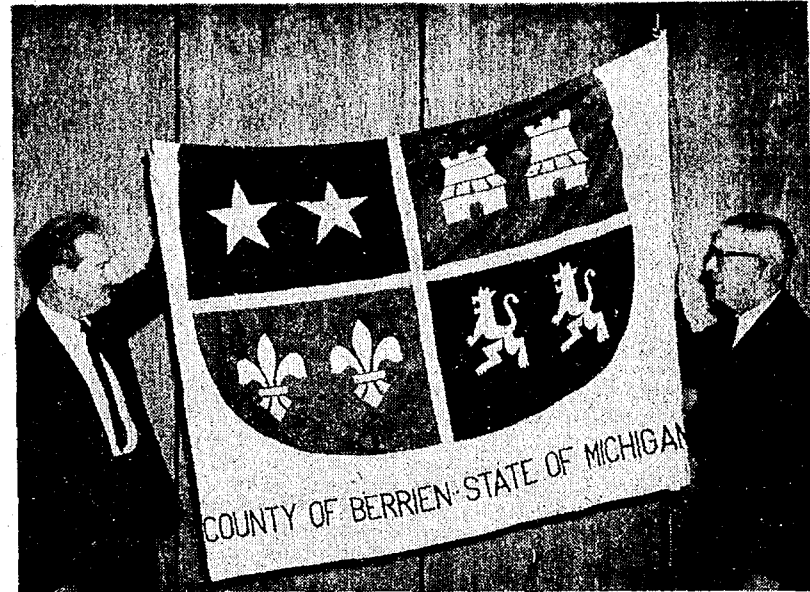
Said Supervisor Frank Poorman of Buchanan city: "We are going to have to have ambulance service. If it's illegal, we may have to be illegal."

The board yesterday approved a regulation governing the suitability of lands for platting subdivisions but sent another proposed regulation on sewage disposal in subdivisions back for some changes.

QUESTION AUTHORITY

Supervisors balked at a clause that would have given the county health department the power to declare any home unfit for human habitation if its septic tanks did not meet the regulation's standards.

Supervisor Benson said most homes in subdivisions established more than 10 years ago



PROPOSED COUNTY FLAG: Allen W. Baker, Jr., (left), Coloma banker and chairman of county building authority, displays flag he designed and proposes for possible adoption as official Berrien county flag. Inspired by book, "Land of Four Flags", Baker's design incorporates emblems from the ensigns of four nations that once held land in Berrien county. Two castles on red field represent Spain, two rampant lions on blue field Britain, two fleurs-de-lis on red field France, and two stars on blue field the United States. Building Committee Chairman Robert Feather (right) helps Baker display proposed flag. (Staff photo)

could be closed under such a provision, as few of them have septic tanks of the size called for. Dr. Robert Lacey and Jack Fleming of the health department agreed the clause should apply to existing homes only if it could be proved their systems were h a r m i n g others. The homeowners should have remedy in the courts, Benson said, and not be at the sole mercy of health department inspectors. A standard misdemeanor penalty clause is to replace the original control measure.

In other actions, the board approved holding open house in the new courthouse immediately after the formal courthouse dedication program on July 4. Office and department heads will be asked to be on hand with some of their personnel to show visitors through their offices. The open house period will run from immediately after the dedication ceremonies until 3 p.m.

David Upton, chairman of the Berrien County Mental Health Services board, told the supervisors plans to contract with an Elkhardt psychiatric clinic for services for adult patients from Berrien will be held in abeyance. The child guidance clinic in St. Joseph is going to be expanded to an all-purpose clinic, including adults, in August, he said, and there likely will be no need now to contract adult patients out to Elkhardt.

In connection with the mental health program, the supervisors adopted two resolutions yesterday to clear up questions about the exact intent of original resolutions in 1965 under which the program was inaugurated in the county.

Approval was given to 1968 construction of two new bridges to replace unsafe old structures on local roads. Under policy adopted last year by the board, the county will pay half the cost, the townships concerned one-fourth, and the county road commission one-fourth. One of the bridges scheduled for next year crosses Hickory creek on Lincoln road between Lincoln and Baroda townships, and the two townships will split the one-fourth share between them. The other is on Marris road and crosses the same stream in Baroda township. Total estimated cost of the Lincoln road bridge is \$29,000 and the Marris road span \$28,000.

Supervisors approved an increase in the benefits for county employees under the county's group insurance package. For a total cost of \$5,088 the package will be increased to give employees \$4,000 of life insurance, up from \$2,000; hospital room payments will be boosted to \$25 and \$30, and several other benefits will be expanded. Expense Chairman Ivan Price said the county got a \$3,528 back out of the \$20,000 it paid for the first year's package, because of the good claims experience. So actually it will take only another \$1,500, he said, to give the employees much greater benefits.

LEASE AUTHORIZED
Approved was a welfare committee lease of the old county farm property around the county hospital to F.W. Bruce & Sons, Berrien Center, for the 1967 season for farming purposes. Bruce, who is the supervisor from Berrien township, was not permitted to vote on the question and a three-quarters majority was required. Bruce and his sons have leased the county farm for a number of

years. The lease this year is for \$100 and entails the obligation to keep all weeds mowed around the hospital, juvenile detention home and dog pound sites. Welfare Chairman Edward Mattox said the farm lease next year will be open to bids.

A resolution by Agriculture Committee Chairman Ben Rothenberg to hire Miss Karen Kolberg as a summer 4-H club agent for 10 weeks was ap-

proved. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Kolberg of Hinchman.

Board Chairman Proseus announced appointment of Mattox, William Gnodtke and W. Hudson Mitchell to a special records and sales committee to supervise removal and disposal of records and furnishings still in the old courthouse. The old structure is to be torn down under the St. Joseph urban renewal program.

Dowagiac Citizens
Question New PlanCouncil Votes To Combine
Fire, Police Units

DOWAGIAC — The Dowagiac city council met a bombshell of questions from citizens last night when it passed into ordinance the proposal to combine the city fire and police departments creating a Department of Public Safety.

Ordinance No. 17 passed by a unanimous vote of the council. Questions of the citizens in attendance were answered by City Manager Edward Simmons.

He explained that under the present system there are 22 men hired by the fire and police departments. In order to meet the state requirements that firemen be on duty a maximum of 56 hours weekly effective July 1, four more men would have to be hired to cut the hours of the firemen.

Under the new system, four platoons of five men each will be trained in fire fighting and police work and will work 42½ hours weekly.

SALARY HIKE
Simmons explained that the move will raise the average "safety man's" salary to \$6,000 a year. The tax will remain at 13 mills where it would have had to be raised to 15 mills to meet state requirement under the old system.

Stanley Rak, a former councilman, protested the inefficiency of the new plan, stating that, while the fire department was fighting a fire on one side of the city, the remainder of the city would not be protected.

Simmons replied that the six men on call to answer fire alarms would remain in service to respond to fire calls only.

John Cureton asked if the firemen would be sent to the police training school in Benton Harbor. Simmons said the older men would be kept on desk jobs but all the younger men would be sent to police school. He further explained that safety department patrol cars would carry some fire fighting equipment.

It was observed that some of those in attendance had printed recall petitions and started to circulate them at the meeting. If 371 signatures are secured (15 per cent of the 2,471 of the city's registered voters) and the signatures are filed with the city clerk by June 29, the city council in the meeting scheduled for July 3 must act to stop the changeover until an election of the voters can be held.

It was questioned as to whether protection for Wayne, LaGrange and Pokagon townships would be continued under the new system. Simmons answered that it would continue. Contracts with the townships run to May 25, 1970.

Simmons also said the safety department would continue to assist the Cass county sheriff department if assistance were requested outside of the city limits.

LIBRARY CARDS
In other action, the council voted to issue library cards to families outside the Dowagiac school district for a fee of \$1 per year per family.

The request of Bernard F. Diffenderfer to have the name of Mary Jane Britton removed as a partner on the liquor permit for a tavern at 115 South Front was approved.

The United Pentecostal church's request for permission to use a public address system announcing special services at the church from June 20th to July 1 for one hour each evening was granted.

Simmons was authorized to advertise for bids to paint the inside of the city water storage tank.

Mayor James Mosier appointed Kenneth Meeker as manager of the Dowagiac municipal airport to replace Jack Yount who had been serving as a temporary manager.

The council extended an invitation to the Michigan United Conservation clubs to hold their 1968 convention Jan. 20, 1968 in Dowagiac at the request of Erwin Laylin.

Permission was granted to the Rudy Manufacturing co., to install 600 feet of curb cut on West Railroad street, on North Prairie road and on the east side of West Railroad street at the expense of the company.

Mayor Mosier appointed Richard Dowsett to the planning commission for a three year term as a citizen and Graham Woodhouse was appointed to the committee for a three year term replacing Tom Gebhard, whose term expires. Ivan Gwilt was appointed to the committee as a member of the city council.

Create Job
Of Park
DirectorSo. Haven Council
Gives Approval

WILLIAM RHODES

SOUTH HAVEN — The city council last night voted to create a new combined job of parks and recreation director, after City Manager Fred Timmer revealed he had hired a 26-year-old Lansing man for the job.

Timmers said he hired William Rhodes, recreation supervisor for the city of Lansing, as director of parks and recreation for South Haven, effective July 1.

The council voted, at Timmer's recommendation, to create the new position by amending the city's wage classification ordinance and set the minimum salary at \$7,785.

FORMER DIRECTOR

Timmer had held the job of recreation director prior to his appointment as city manager in February. The work of maintaining the city's parks has been done by street department crews.

In making his recommendation, Timmer said he thought the new department would help create a more effective operation in city government because it would take some of the burden away from the street department.

Rhodes is a graduate of Mt. Pleasant high school, Kemper Military Junior college and Michigan State university and holds a bachelor's degree in recreation administration. He served as a lieutenant in the U.S. Marine Corps.

Rhodes' wife, Diane, is also a college graduate and a registered nurse who plans to work in her profession in the area.

TRASH REMOVAL

In other business, the council voted to enter into a two-year contract with City Disposal Service, Kalamazoo, for city trash and garbage removal at an annual cost of \$31,000. The Kalamazoo firm has been hauling the city's garbage since contractor John Barringer died in May. The new contract will be identical to the contract the city had with Barringer.

Members voted to authorize Timmer to call for bids on the planned construction of Aylworth avenue, Elm and Chipewa courts, and Fruit street. Public hearings on the proposed work are scheduled next month, but Timmer asked to seek bids

Berrien General Now
First Class Hospital'You Can Be Proud Of Us',
Supervisors Told

"We have erased the feeling in the community that the county hospital is the place where old people go to die. In place of that image, is a first class hospital, doing things which many other hospitals are not and moving quickly forward to a thing of which you can be proud."

In the regular monthly meeting of the Berrien county board of supervisors, Berrien General Hospital Administrator Grant L. Horsley told a story of a hospital which, though sometimes beset by troubles, is rapidly coming into its own as a strong medical institution.

"We're not making any money," said Horsley, referring to his hospital. "However, we're supporting ourselves and we're not asking you for any money."

"Our doors are always open — last year we treated 9,200 outpatients and admitted more than 2,000 patients."

Berrien county hospital has a specialty.

SPECIAL OPERATION

"Perhaps we are the only hospital in the area capable of performing endarterectomies, that is the removal of blood clots from the neck following a stroke. Last year we performed 14 such operations and this is a considerable number when